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2 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

3 In re Application of: ) Attorney Docket No. 03.08.21.1  
4 William D. Taper ) Art Unit 3676  
5 Serial No. 10/766,235 ) Examiner: Suzanne Dino Barrett  
6 Filing Date: January 28, 2004 )  
7 Title: **LOCKING MECHANISM FOR HANDCUFFS** )  
8 ) Duncan, Oklahoma 73534  
9 ) Date: October 15, 2004

10 RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

11 Commissioner For Patents  
12 P.O. Box 1450  
13 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

14 Sir:

15 This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2004, in which the Examiner  
16 objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure and rejected claim 1 under 35 USC 112, paragraph 2.  
17 The Examiner indicated that claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended. The Examiner  
18 objected to use of the word "invention" in the Abstract of the Disclosure.

19 Please cancel the original Abstract of the Disclosure and substitute therefor a new  
20 Abstract of the Disclosure which is attached hereto on a separate sheet of paper.

21 Please cancel independent claim 1 and substitute therefor new claims 2 through 13  
22 which are attached on a separate sheet of paper. New claims 2 and 13 are independent  
23 claims. New independent claims 3 through 12 depend from new independent claim 2. No new  
24 fees are required.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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October 15, 2004  
Date